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INDRA AND THE FLYING MOUNTAINS



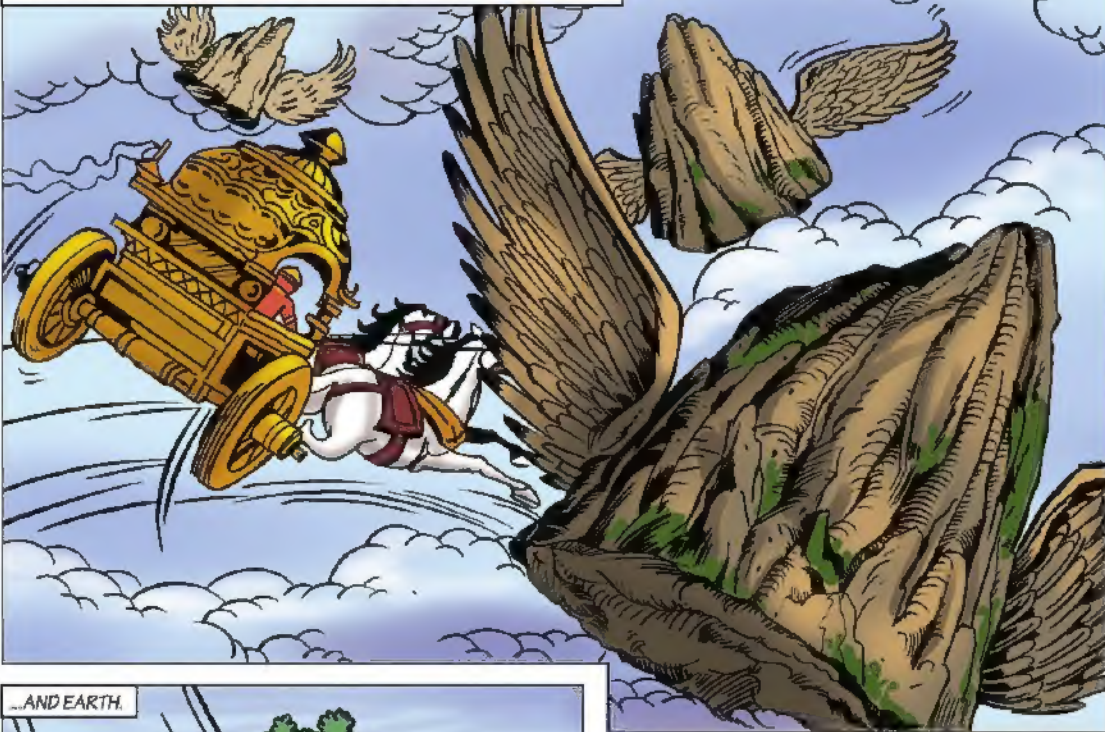
LONG LONG AGO, BIRDS AND GODS
WERE NOT THE ONLY THINGS THAT FLEW.



HURLING THROUGH THE SKIES WERE
GIANT MOUNTAINS, WITH WINGS!



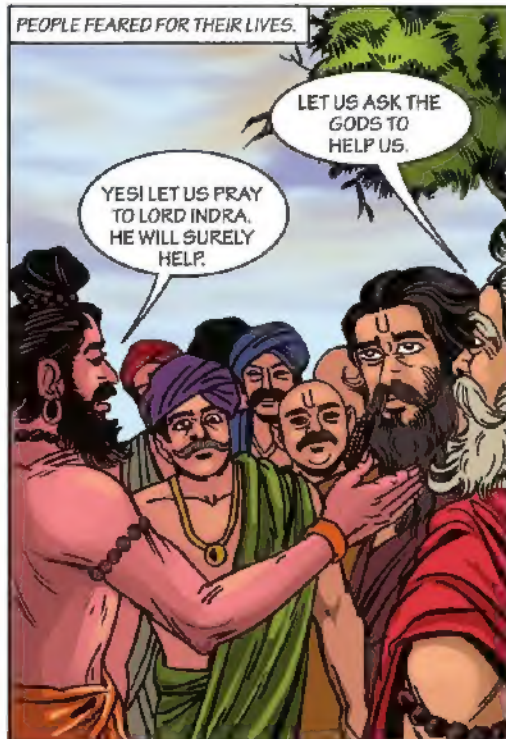
THEY SOARED THROUGH THE SKY AND LANDED WHEREVER THEY CHOSE TO. UNFORTUNATELY, THEY CREATED CHAOS IN BOTH HEAVEN...



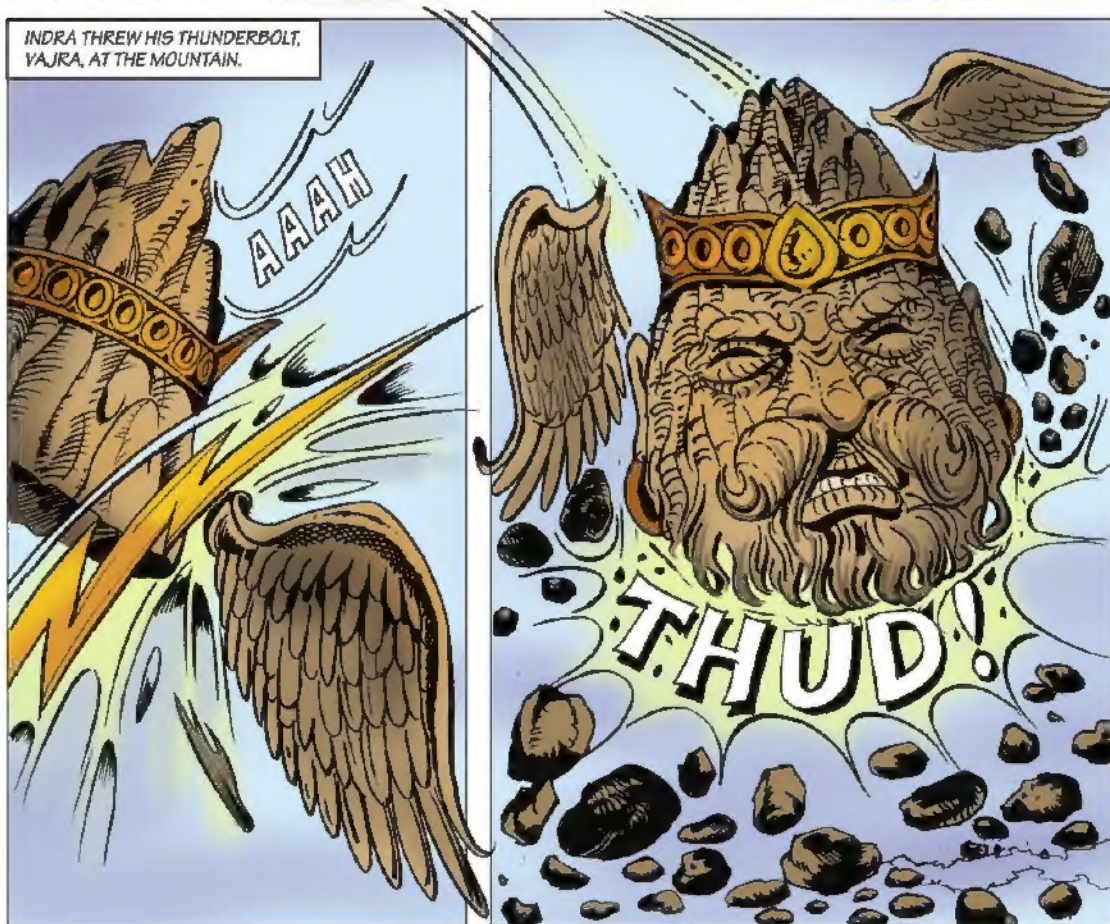
...AND EARTH.



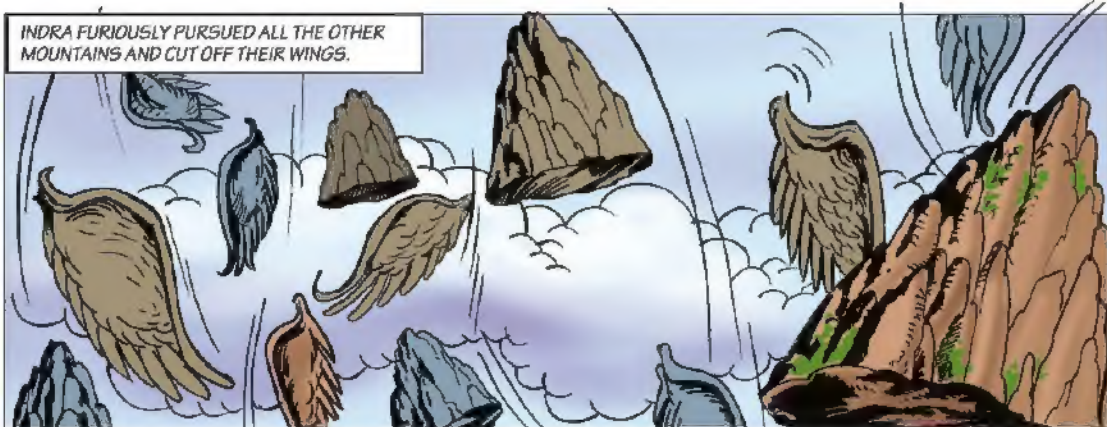
PEOPLE FEARED FOR THEIR LIVES.



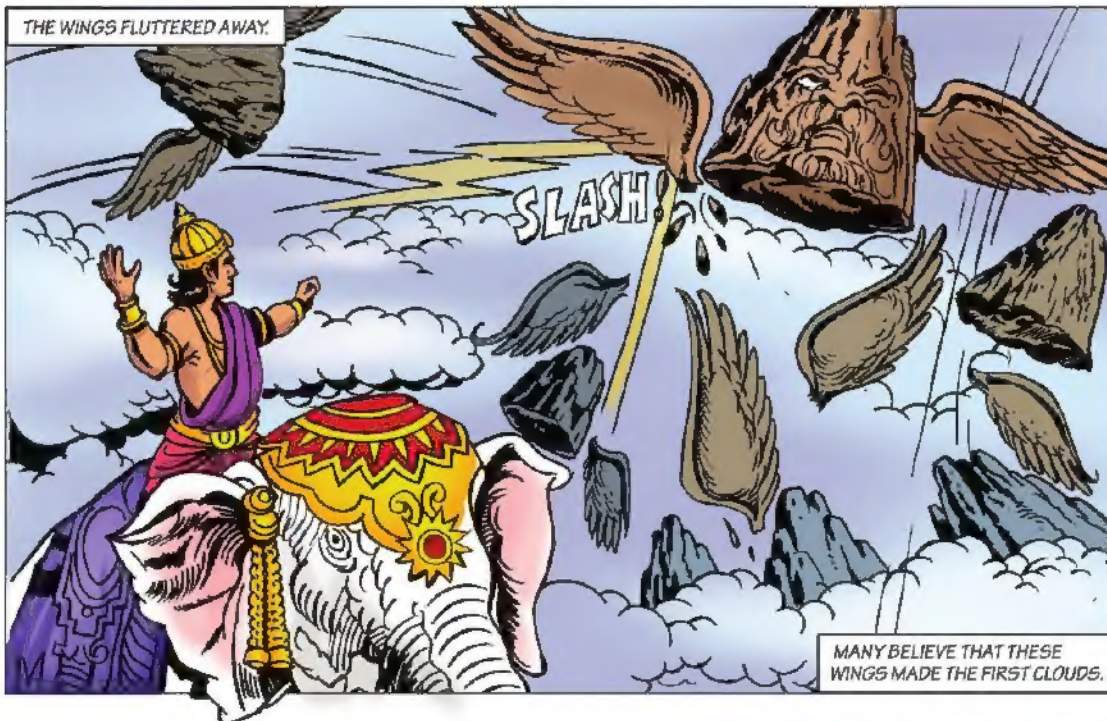




INDRA FURIOUSLY PURSUED ALL THE OTHER MOUNTAINS AND CUT OFF THEIR WINGS.



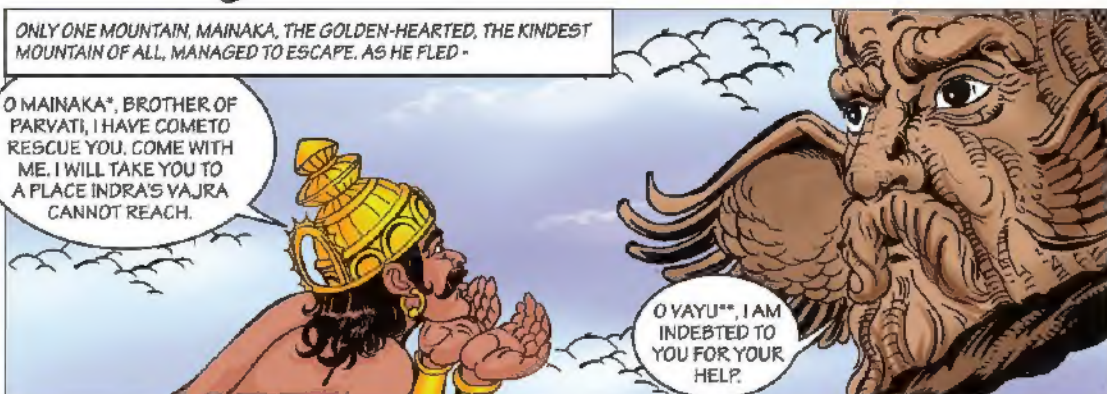
THE WINGS FLUTTERED AWAY.



MANY BELIEVE THAT THESE WINGS MADE THE FIRST CLOUDS.

ONLY ONE MOUNTAIN, MAINAKA, THE GOLDEN-HEARTED, THE KINDEST MOUNTAIN OF ALL, MANAGED TO ESCAPE. AS HE FLED -

O MAINAKA*, BROTHER OF PARVATI, I HAVE COME TO RESCUE YOU. COME WITH ME. I WILL TAKE YOU TO A PLACE INDRA'S VAJRA CANNOT REACH.

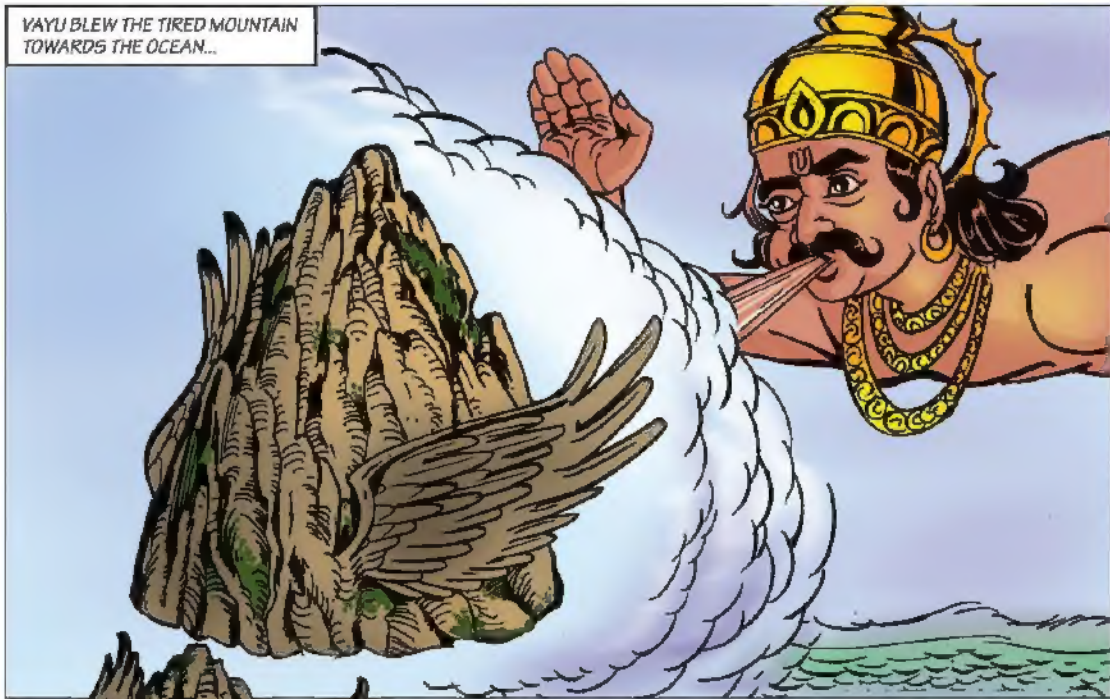


O VAYU**, I AM INDEBTED TO YOU FOR YOUR HELP.

* MAINAKA WAS THE SON OF HIMAVAN AND MENA. PARVATI, WIFE OF SHIVA, WAS THEIR DAUGHTER.

** THE WIND GOD

VAYU BLEW THE TIRED MOUNTAIN
TOWARDS THE OCEAN...



...BUT INDRA SAW THEM FLEE!

WHO DARES
FLY AWAY
FROM ME?
MAINAKA,
YOU CANNOT
ESCAPE.



VAYU LIFTED MAINAKA IN HIS
POWERFUL WINDS AND TOOK
HIM TO THE OCEAN.

O SAGARA, MIGHTY
OCEAN, PLEASE GIVE
MAINAKA
A HIDING PLACE.



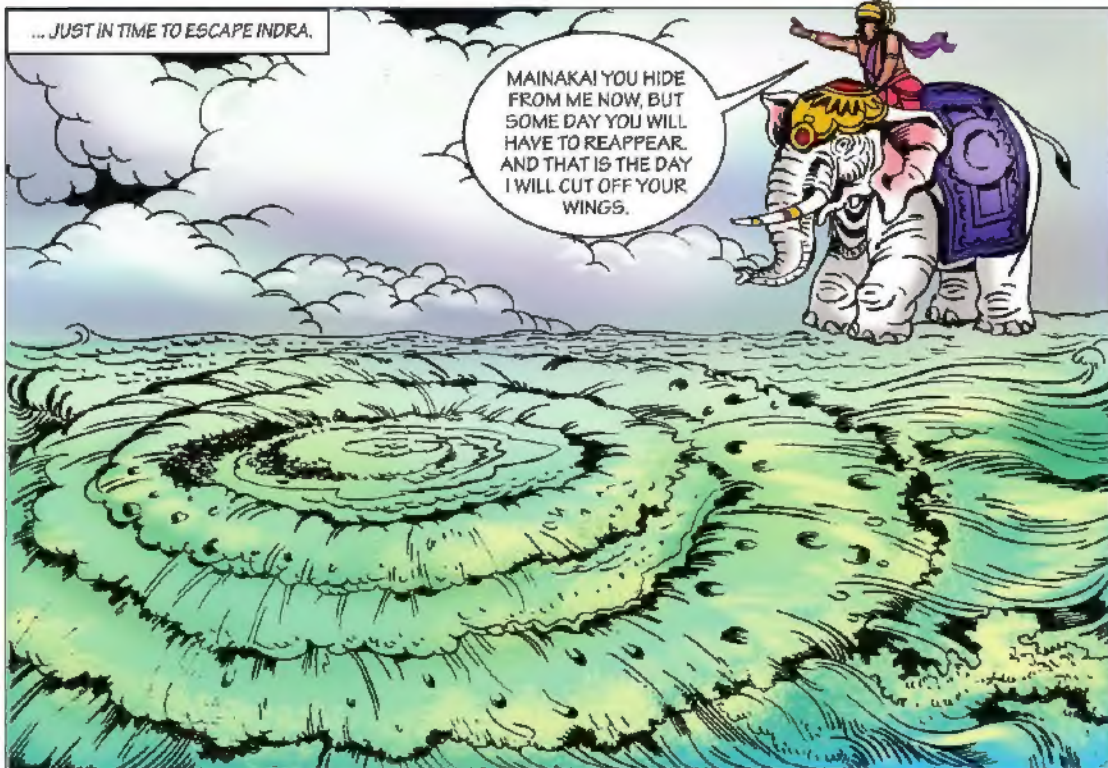
IMMEDIATELY, THE GREAT WATERS GURGLED AND WHIRLED UNTIL THERE WAS SPACE FOR MAINAKA.



THE GRATEFUL MOUNTAIN SANK IN AND WAS SOON SWALLOWED UP BY SAGARA...



... JUST IN TIME TO ESCAPE INDRA.



SAGARA CONSOLED MAINAKA -

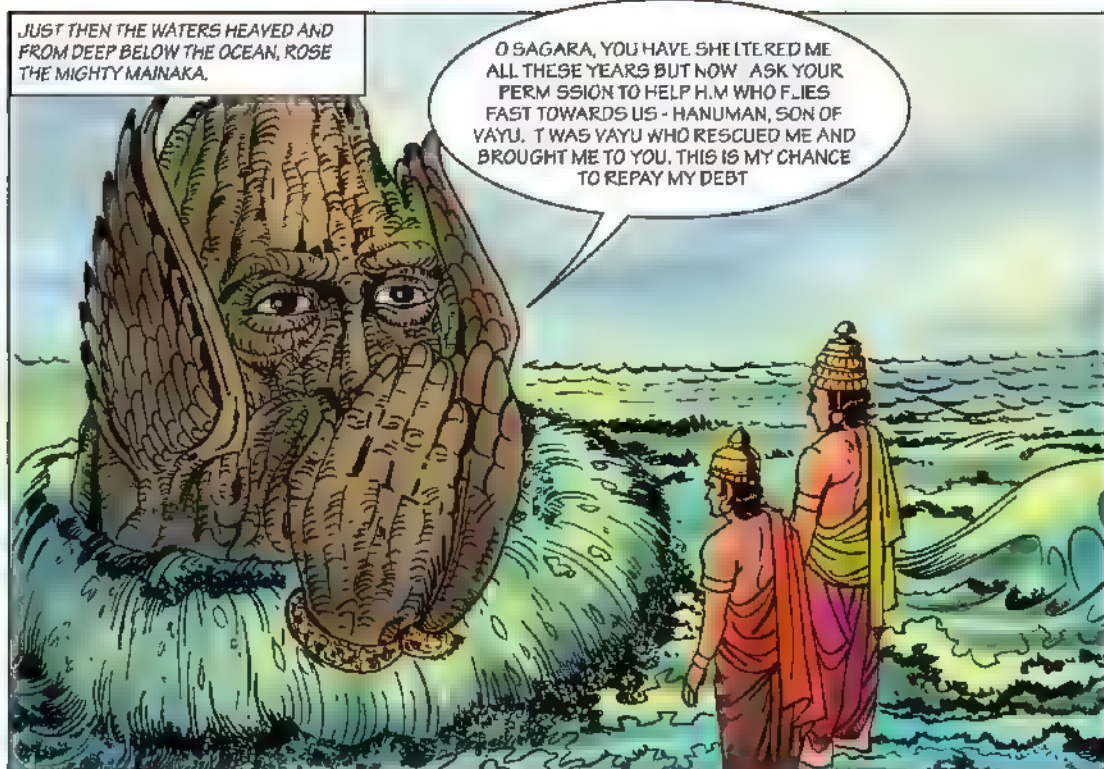
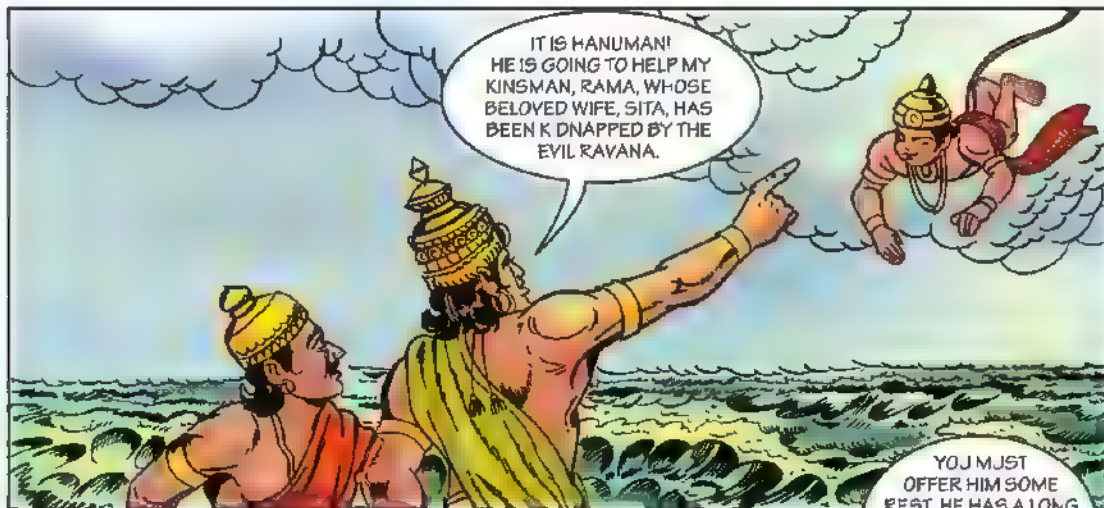


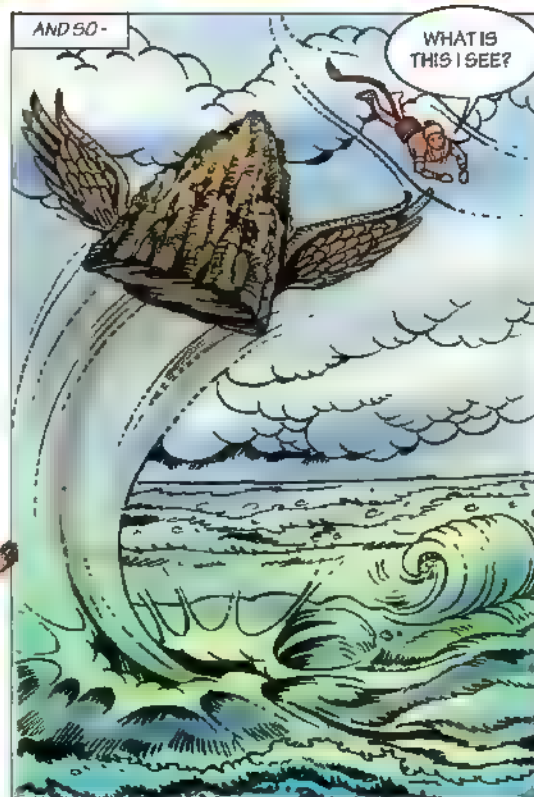
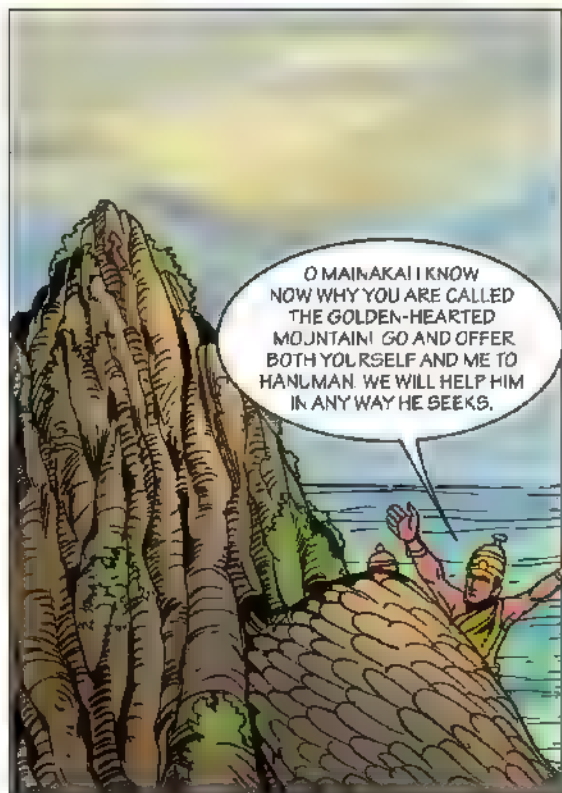
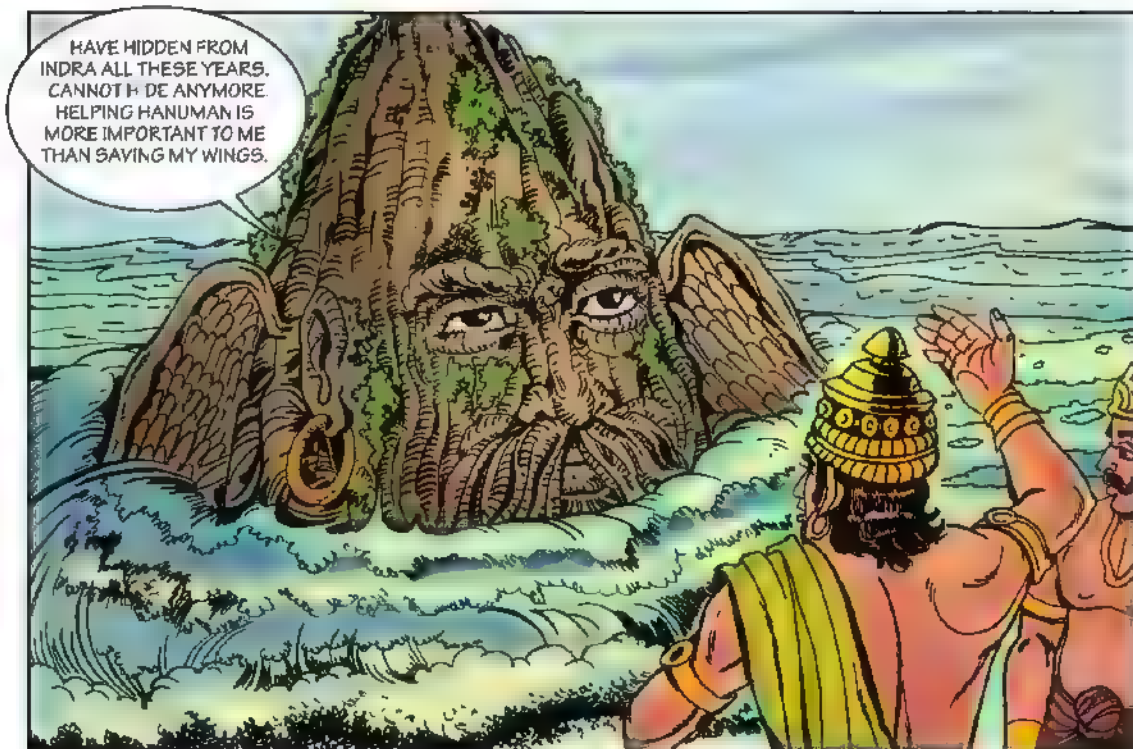
NOT WANTING TO TAKE A CHANCE, MAINAKA STAYED UNDER THE OCEAN FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS...

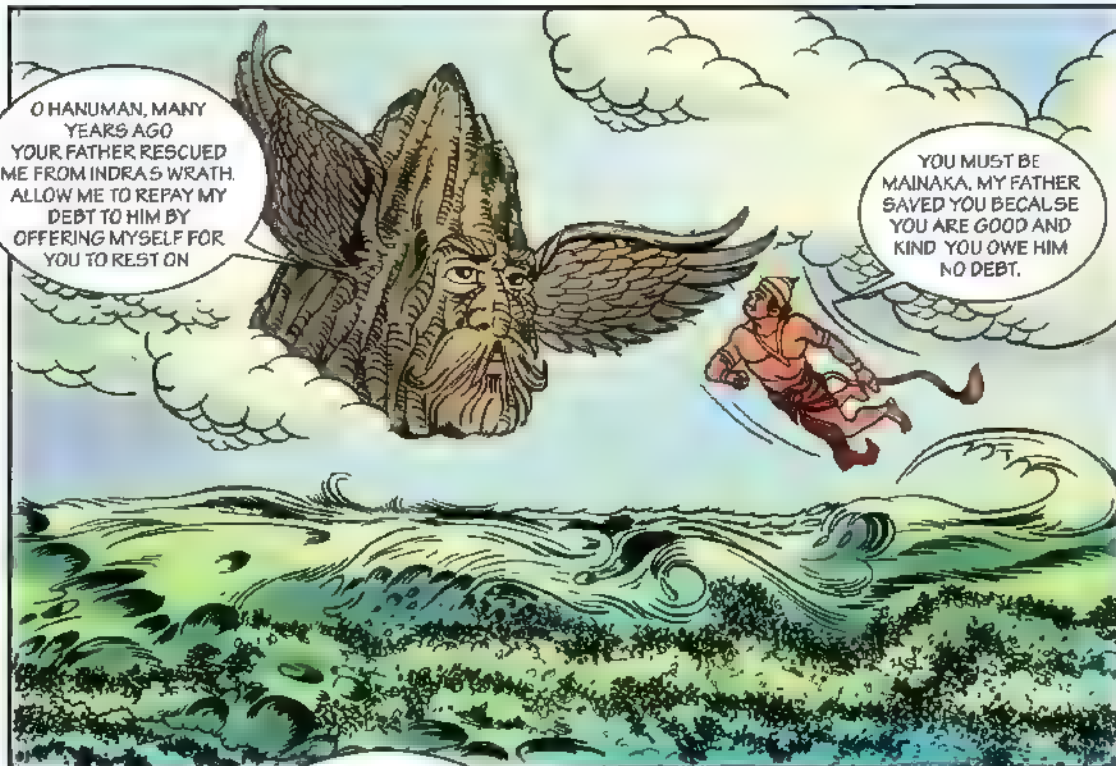


...UNTIL ONE DAY -



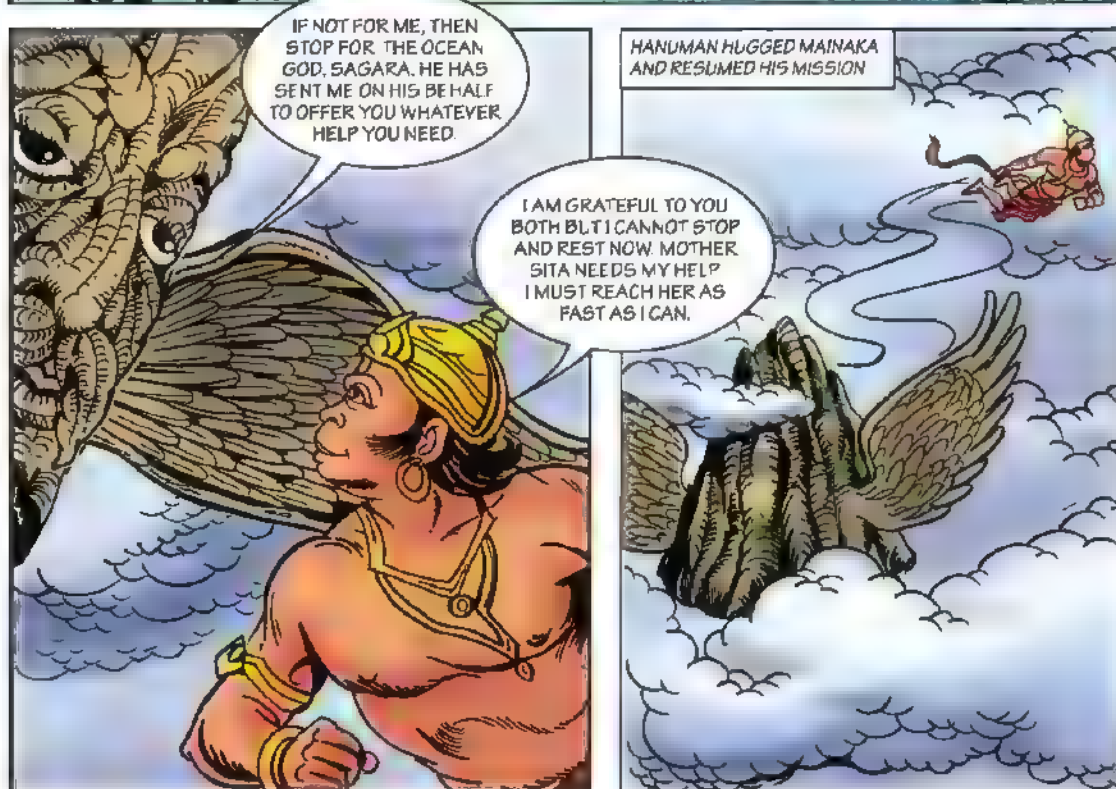






O HANUMAN, MANY YEARS AGO YOUR FATHER RESCUED ME FROM INDRA'S WRATH. ALLOW ME TO REPAY MY DEBT TO HIM BY OFFERING MYSELF FOR YOU TO REST ON

YOU MUST BE MAINAKA. MY FATHER SAVED YOU BECAUSE YOU ARE GOOD AND KIND YOU OWE HIM NO DEBT.



IF NOT FOR ME, THEN STOP FOR THE OCEAN GOD, SAGARA. HE HAS SENT ME ON HIS BEHALF TO OFFER YOU WHATEVER HELP YOU NEED

HANUMAN HUGGED MAINAKA AND RESUMED HIS MISSION

I AM GRATEFUL TO YOU BOTH BUT I CANNOT STOP AND REST NOW. MOTHER SITA NEEDS MY HELP I MUST REACH HER AS FAST AS I CAN.

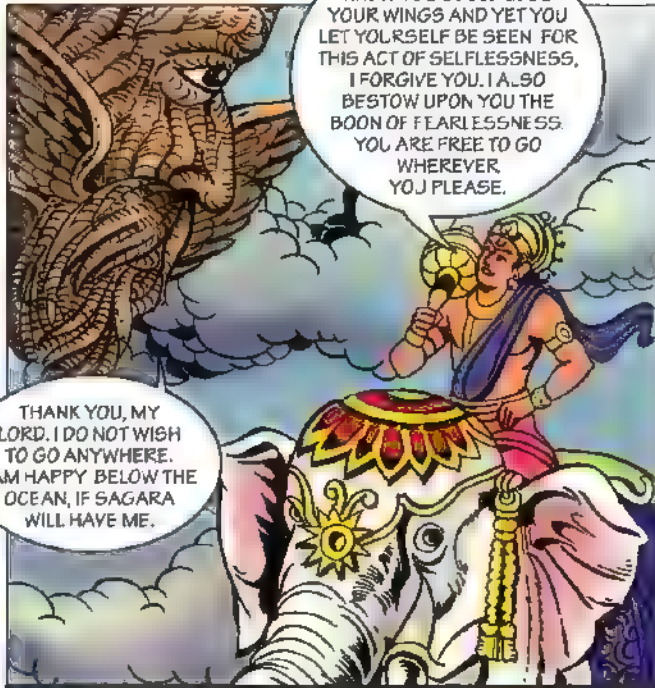
MEANWHILE, UP IN HEAVEN, INDRA HAD SEEN THE WHOLE EXCHANGE.

HMMM...MAYBE I HAVE MISJUDGED MAINAKA. HE RISKED BEING SEEN BY ME WHEN HE CAME OUT TO HELP HANUMAN.



THANK YOU, MY LORD. I DO NOT WISH TO GO ANYWHERE. I AM HAPPY BELOW THE OCEAN, IF SAGARA WILL HAVE ME.

O MA NAKA, YOU KNEW YOU COULD LOSE YOUR WINGS AND YET YOU LET YOURSELF BE SEEN FOR THIS ACT OF SELFLESSNESS. I FORGIVE YOU. I ALSO BESTOW UPON YOU THE BOON OF FEARLESSNESS. YOU ARE FREE TO GO WHEREVER YOU PLEASE.



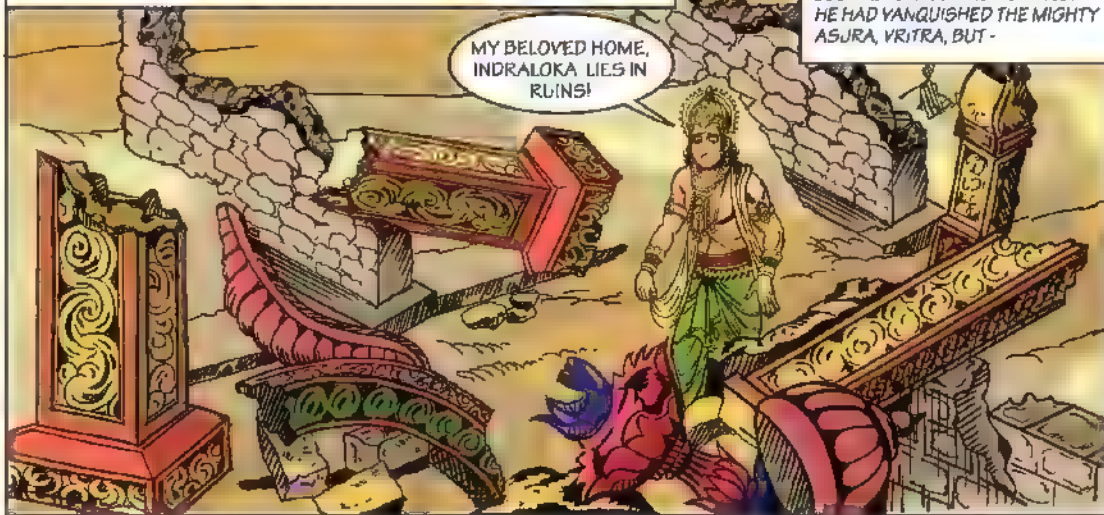
SAGARA WAS ONLY TOO PLEASED

THIS IS YOUR HOME, MAINAKA. YOU MUST STAY HERE FOR EVER.



AND SO MAINAKA LIVES HAPPILY IN THE DEEPS, THE ONLY MOUNTAIN TO KEEP HIS WINGS.

INDRA AND THE MANY INDRAS

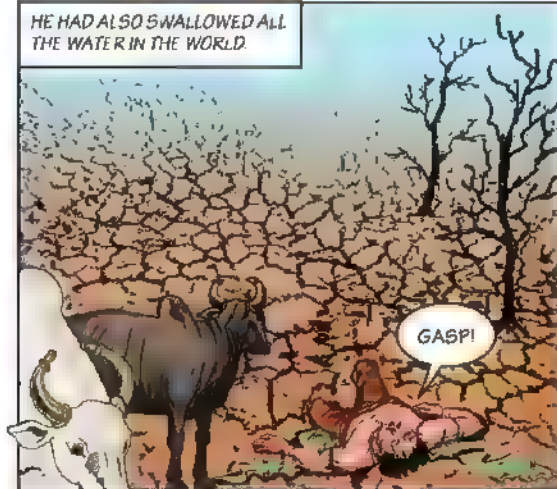


INDRA, LORD OF THE DEVAS, HAD JUST RETURNED FROM BATTLE. HE HAD VANQUISHED THE MIGHTY ASURA, VRITRA, BUT -

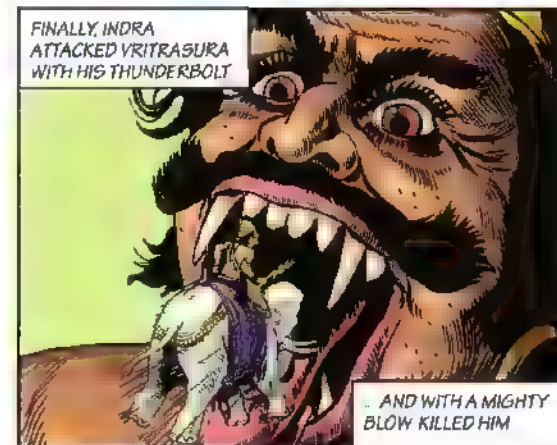
FOR MANY MONTHS, VRITRA HAD WREAKED HAVOC ON THE GODS.



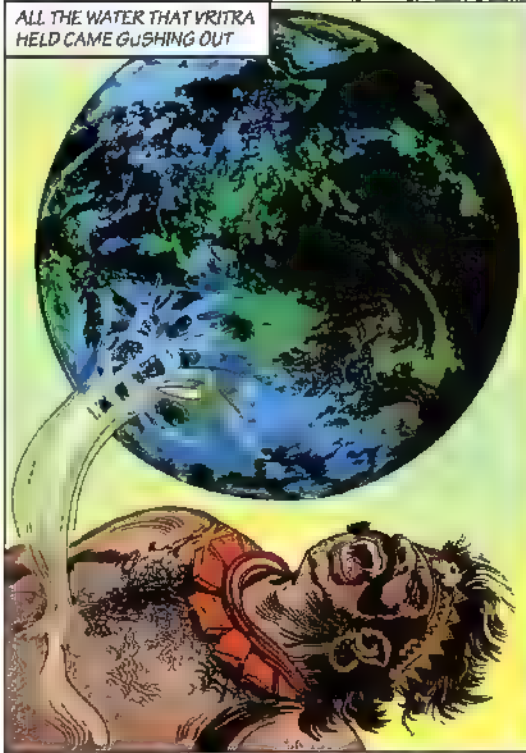
HE HAD ALSO SWALLOWED ALL THE WATER IN THE WORLD.



FINALLY, INDRA ATTACKED VRITRASURA WITH HIS THUNDERBOLT



ALL THE WATER THAT VRITRA
HELD CAME GUSHING OUT



INDRA RETURNED TO A TUMULTUOUS
WELCOME IN INDRALOKA.



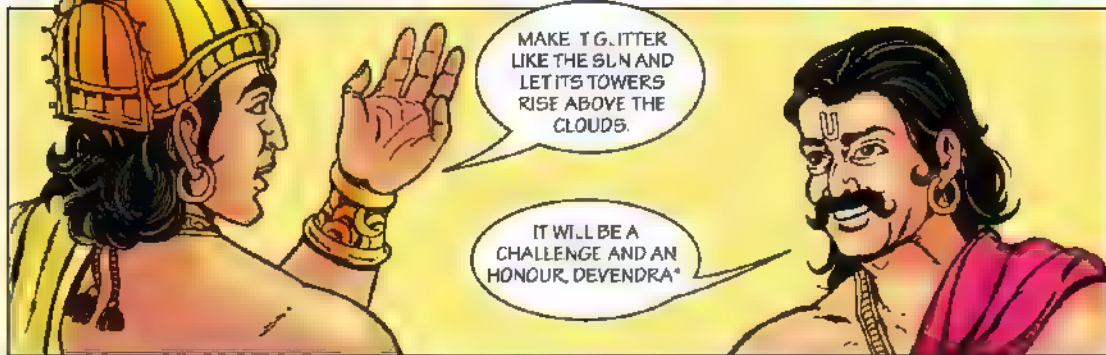
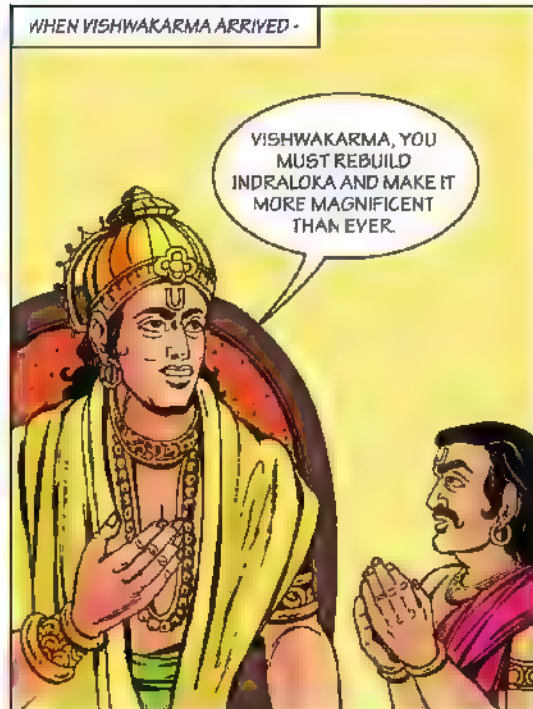
BUT THE CITY LAY
DEVASTATED.



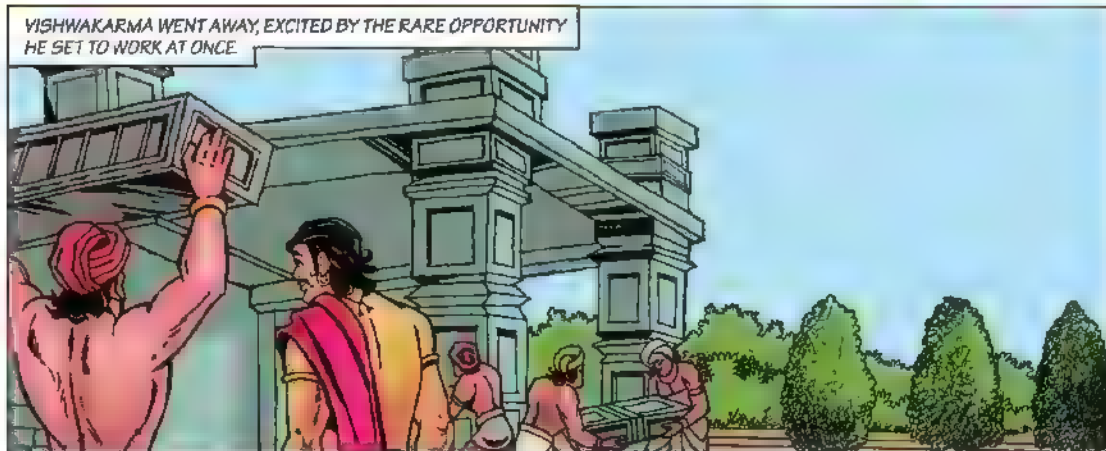
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WHEN VISHWAKARMA ARRIVED -



VISHWAKARMA WENT AWAY, EXCITED BY THE RARE OPPORTUNITY HE SET TO WORK AT ONCE.

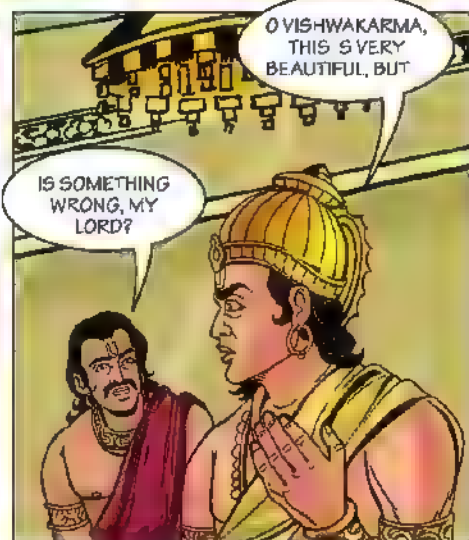
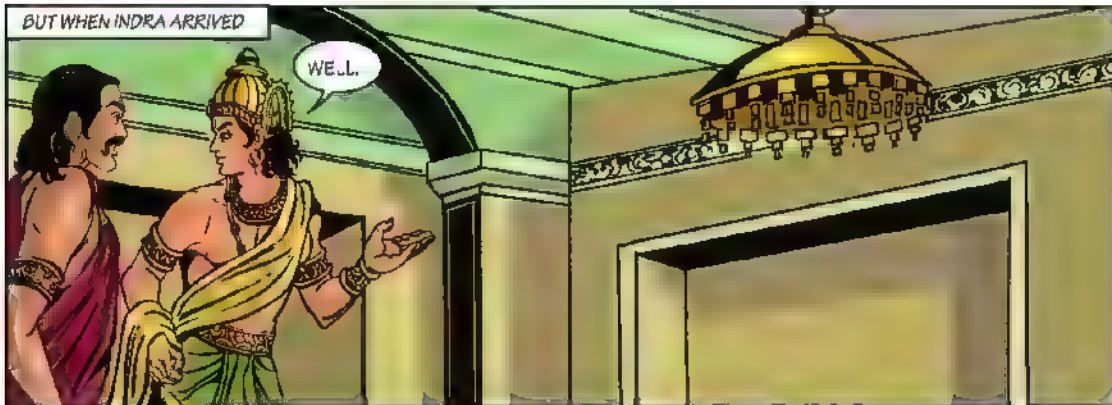


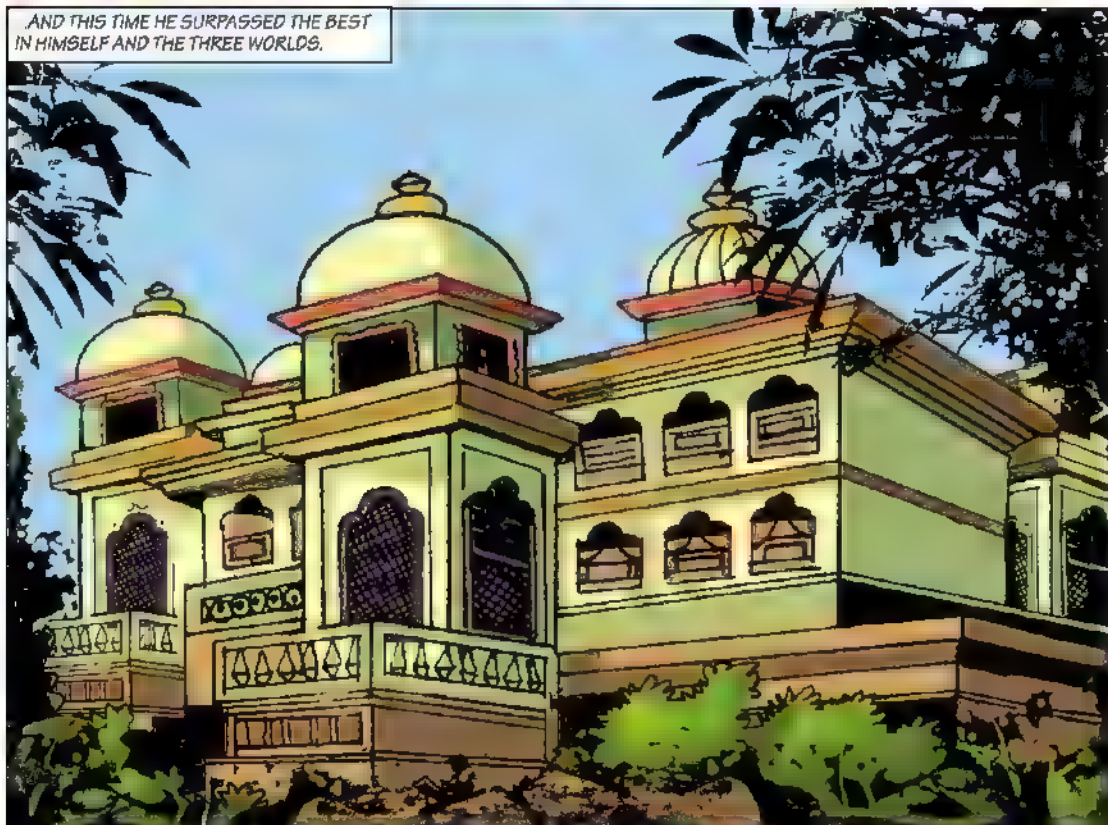
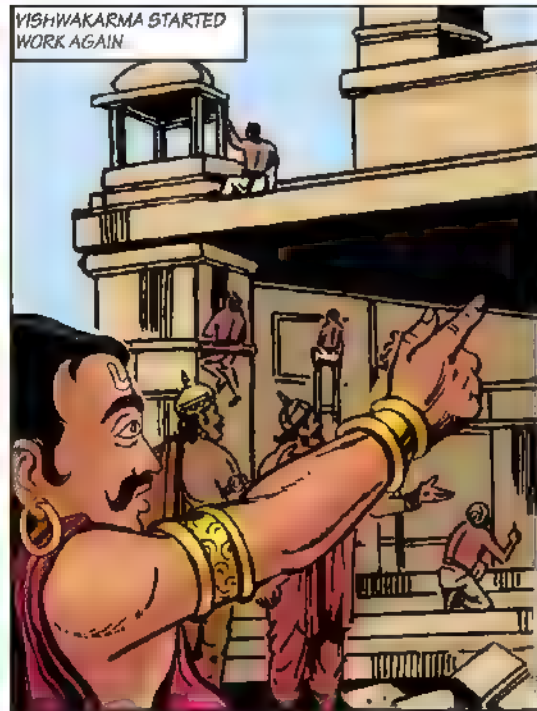
* ANOTHER NAME FOR INDRA.

AFTER MANY MONTHS -



BUT WHEN INDRA ARRIVED



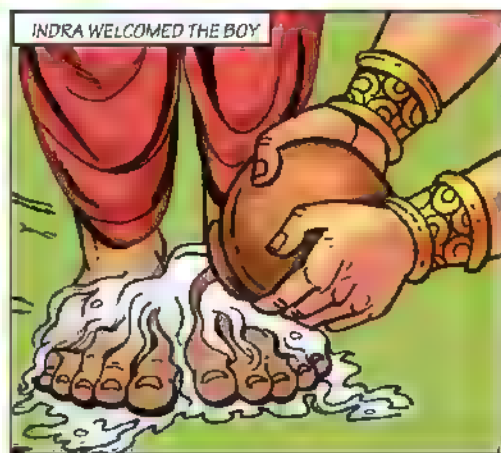




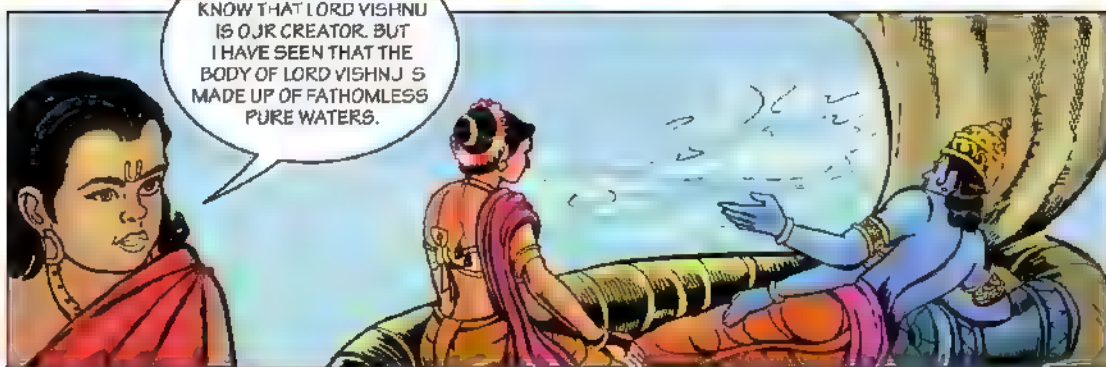
BRAHMA TURNED TO LORD VISHNU, WHO HEARD HIM OUT IN SILENCE FINALLY -

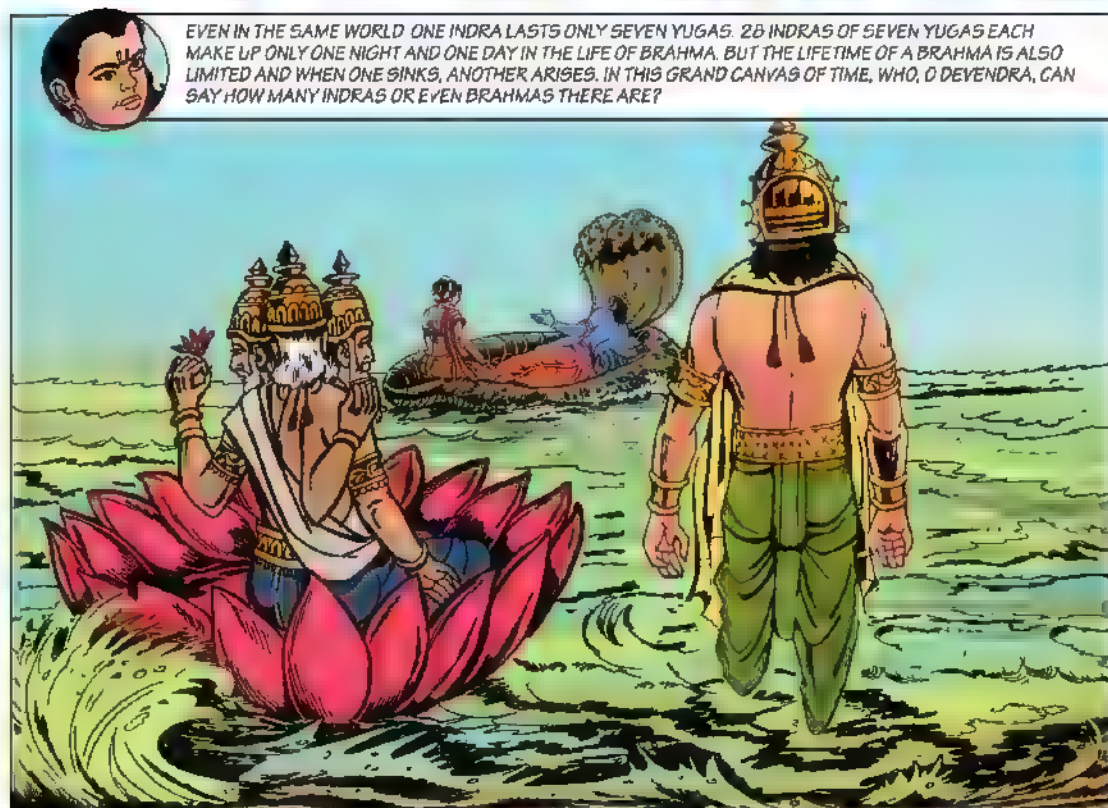


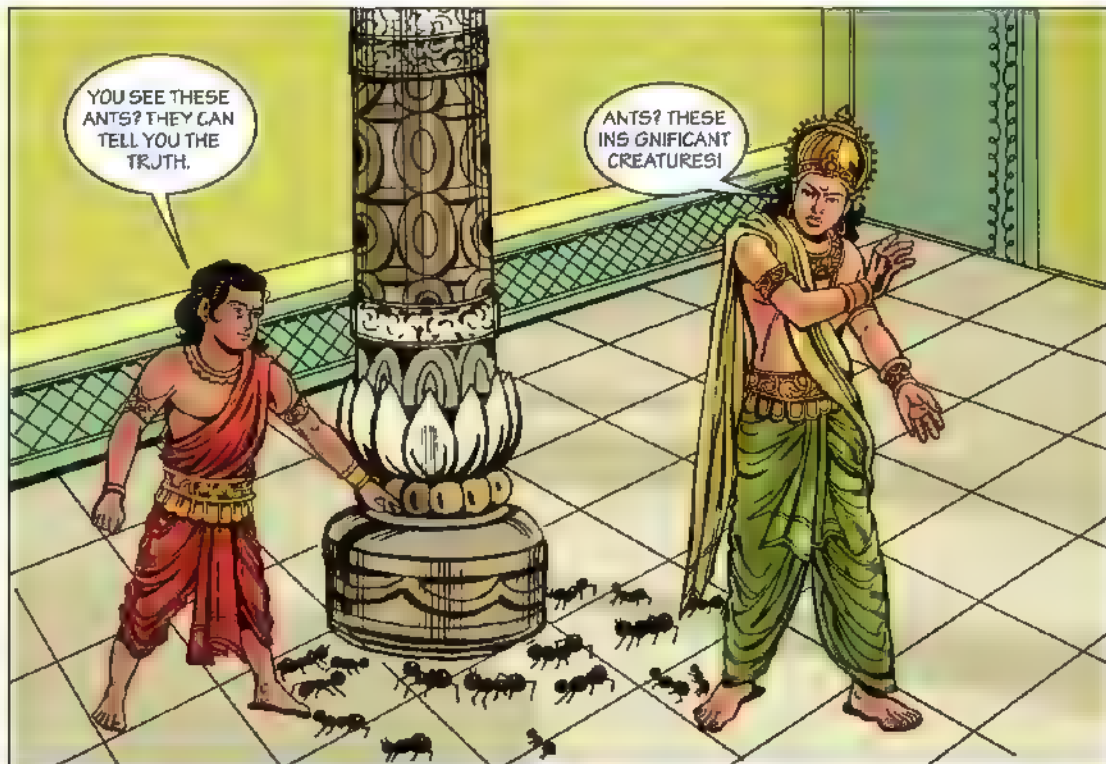
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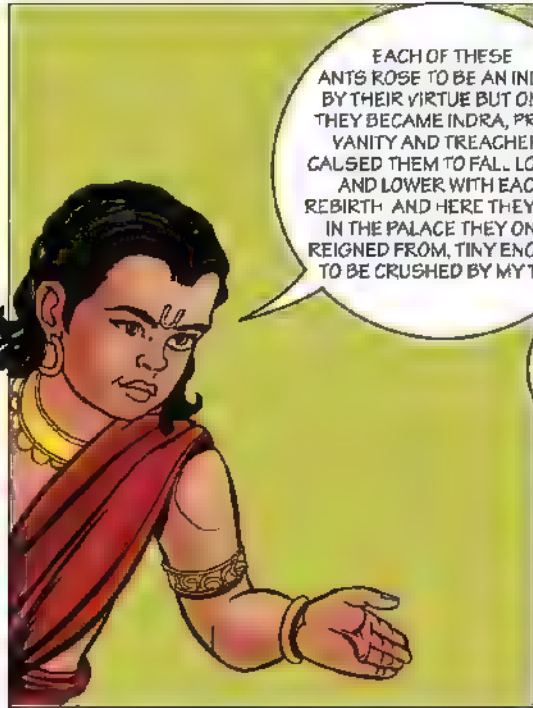












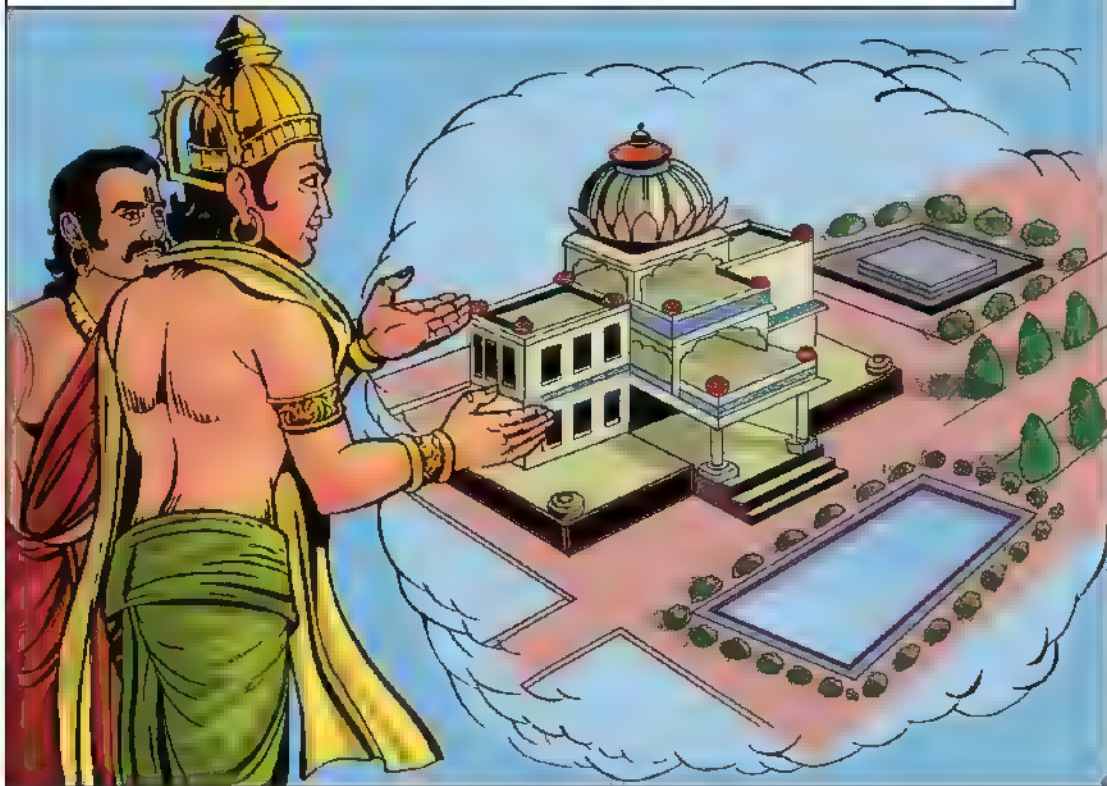
EACH OF THESE ANTS ROSE TO BE AN INDRA BY THEIR VIRTUE BUT ONCE THEY BECAME INDRA, PRIDE, VANITY AND TREACHERY CAUSED THEM TO FALL. LOWER AND LOWER WITH EACH REBIRTH AND HERE THEY ARE, IN THE PALACE THEY ONCE REIGNED FROM, TINY ENOUGH TO BE CRUSHED BY MY TOE

THEN THE BOY REVEALED HIMSELF AS VISHNU



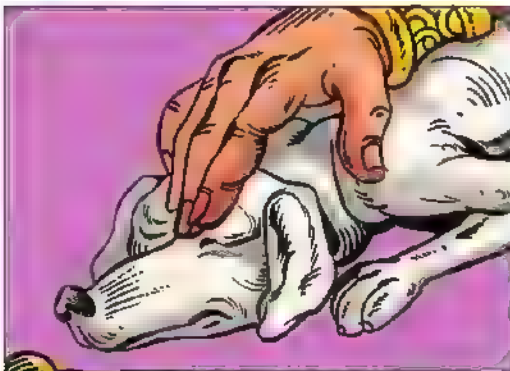
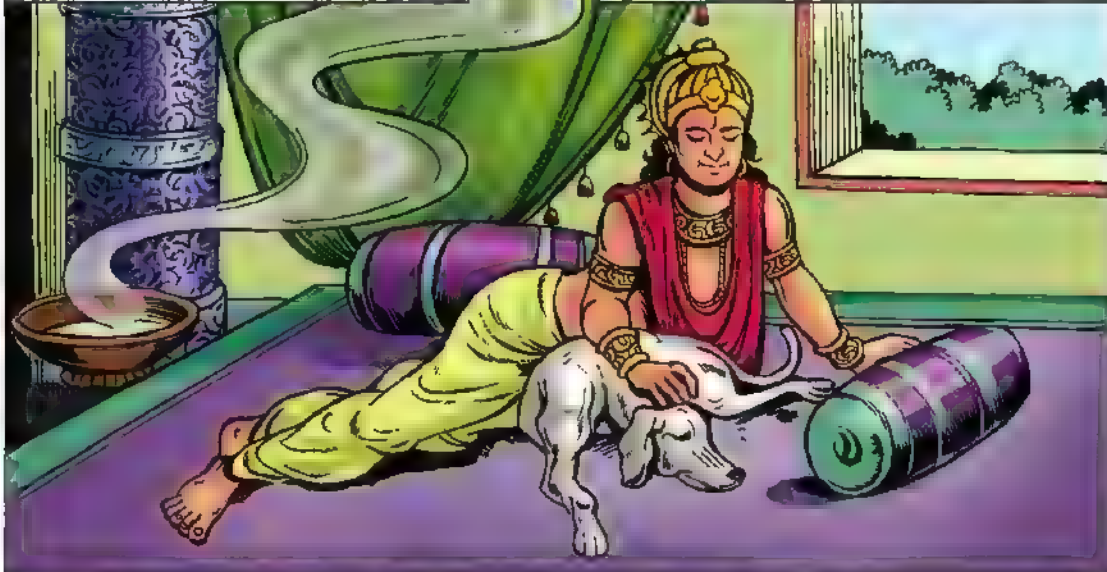
FORGIVE ME! PRIDE MADE ME BLIND VISHWAKARMA HAS CREATED A GLORIOUS PALACE BUT I FOOLISHLY THOUGHT THAT I DESERVED BETTER.

INDRA LEARNT HIS LESSON WELL VISHWAKARMA COMPLETED INDRALOKA AND HARMONY WAS RESTORED IN HEAVEN.

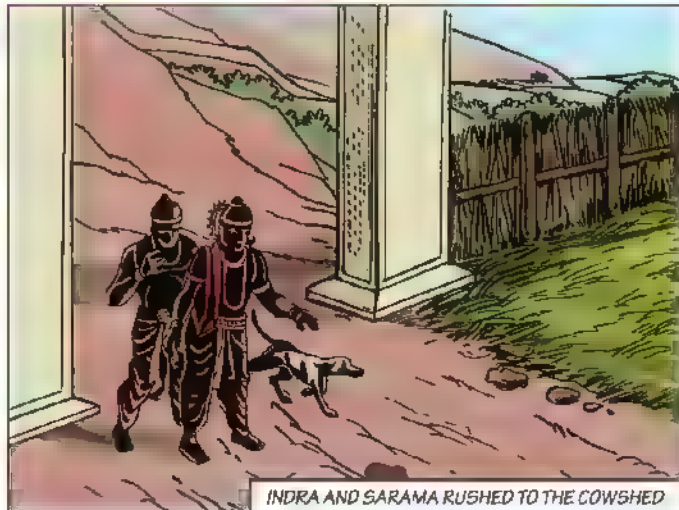
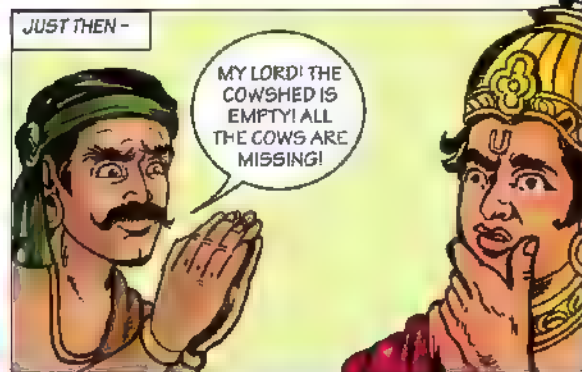


INDRA AND SARAMA

ALL WAS WELL IN AMRAVATI * AND INDRA WAS ENJOYING A MOMENT OF PEACE WITH HIS DOG, SARAMA.

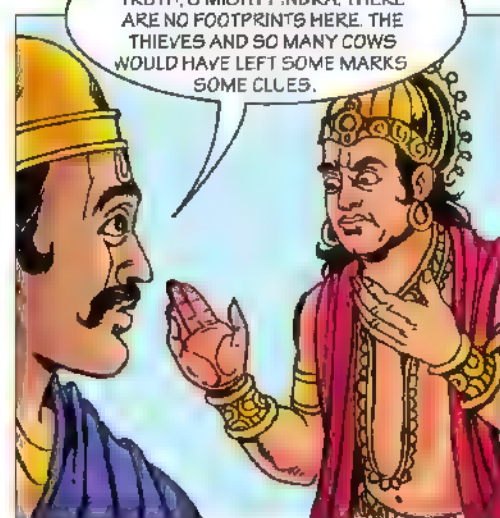
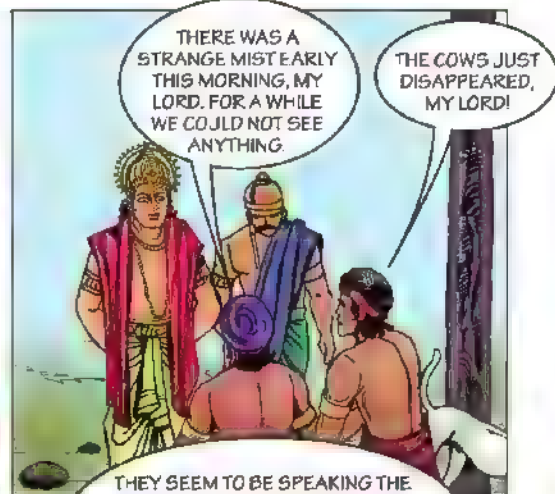


JUST THEN -



INDRA AND SARAMA RUSHED TO THE COWSHED

* INDRA LOKA IS ALSO KNOWN AS AMRAVATI.





WHO DARES PLAY WITH ME LIKE THIS? WHO DID THIS? SOME ASURA, SOME GANA..?

SNIFF



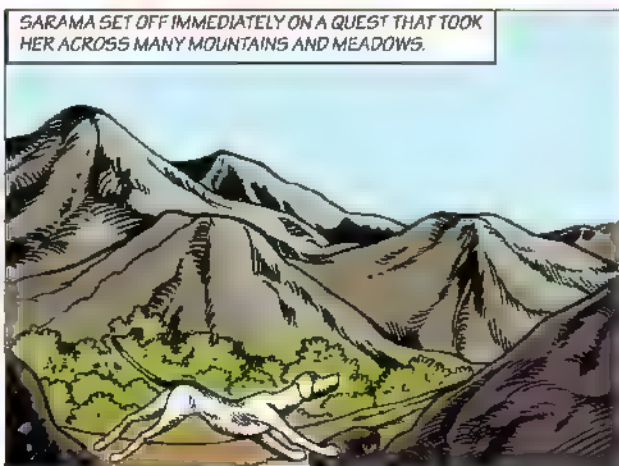
SARAMA MY BELOVED DOG, CAN YOU SMELL SOMETHING? DO YOU KNOW WHO DID THIS?

THERE IS A STRANGE SMELL, MY LORD, QUITE DIFFERENT FROM THE COWS THESE ARE NO ORDINARY THIEVES

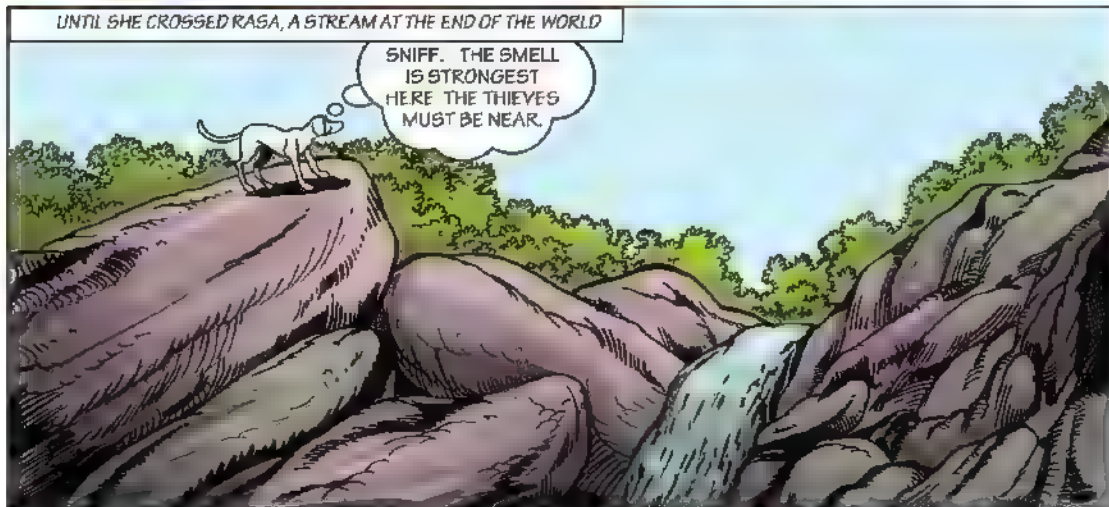


THEY MUST NOT GET AWAY WITH THIS. YOU MUST FOLLOW THEIR SCENT, SARAMA.

I WILL FIND THE COWS, MY LORD.



SARAMA SET OFF IMMEDIATELY ON A QUEST THAT TOOK HER ACROSS MANY MOUNTAINS AND MEADOWS.



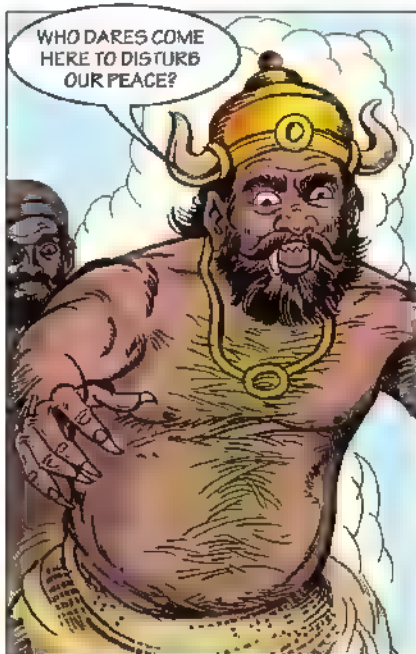
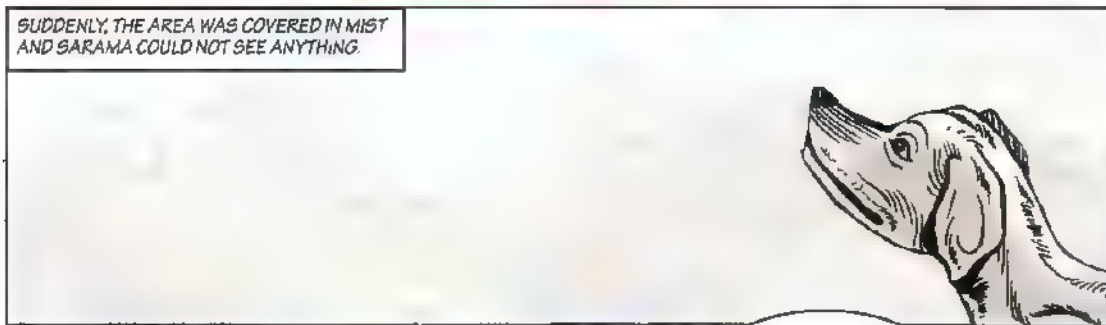
UNTIL SHE CROSSED RASA, A STREAM AT THE END OF THE WORLD

SNIFF. THE SMELL IS STRONGEST HERE THE THIEVES MUST BE NEAR.



WHERE DO
YOU HIDE, COW
THIEVES?

SUDDENLY, THE AREA WAS COVERED IN MIST
AND SARAMA COULD NOT SEE ANYTHING.



WHO DARES COME
HERE TO DISTURB
OUR PEACE?



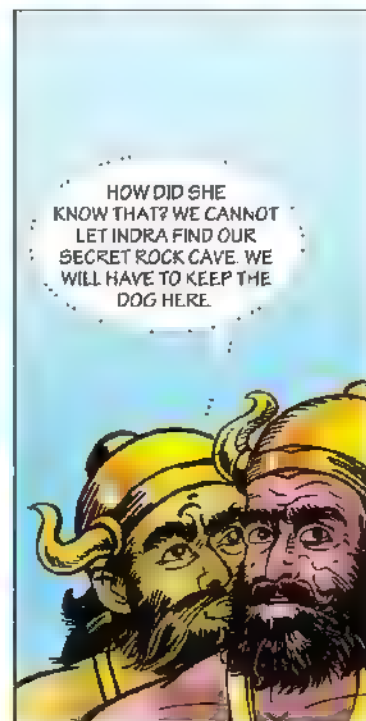
IT IS I, SARAMA,
FAITHFUL COMPANION TO
INDRA. IF YOU ARE THE
ONES WHO HAVE TAKEN
HIS COWS, YOU MUST
RELEASE THEM
AT ONCE



HA, HA, HA! LOOK
WHO THE MIGHTY
INDRA HAS SENT
TO FETCH HIS
COWS. A DOG!

HIS COWS MUST MEAN NOTHING TO
HIM. MAYBE WE SHOULD HAVE STOLEN
THIS DOG INSTEAD. HA, HA, HA!

IT WAS NO ORDINARY MIST. IT WAS MADE BY
THE WICKED PANIS OR DEMONS OF THE MIST



*A MIGHTY ROCK



WHY DO YOU FIGHT, SARAMA? YOU ARE LIKE OUR SISTER. STAY HERE WITH US AND SHARE OUR TREASURES.

I WANT NO TREASURES OR IL. GOTTEN GAINS MY DEVOTION LIES WITH MY LORD INDRA.



SHE IS LOYAL AND TRUE TO INDRA. WE WILL HAVE TO TRICK HER.



THE PANIS TRIED ANOTHER PLOY

FORGIVE US, O WISE SARAMA. YOUR MASTER IS FORTUNATE TO HAVE AN ALLY LIKE YOU.

IT WAS WRONG OF US TO TRY AND STOP YOU HERE. GO, TEL. INDRA THAT WE ARE WILLING TO MAKE PEACE.

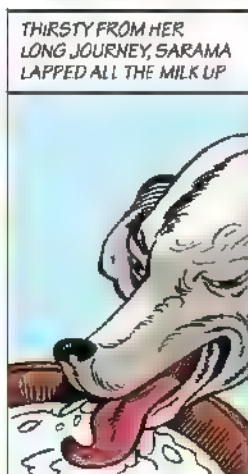


BEFORE YOU GO, O SARAMA, PLEASE ACCEPT SOME MILK FROM US AS A PEACE OFFERING.

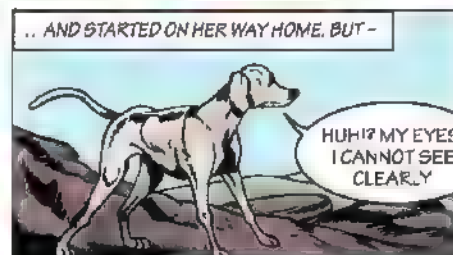
THEY SEEM TO HAVE REALISED MY MASTER'S MIGHT



HEH HEH! ONCE SHE DRINKS THIS, SHE WILL BE SO INTOXICATED THAT SHE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GET BACK TO INDRA!



THIRSTY FROM HER LONG JOURNEY, SARAMA LAPPED ALL THE MILK UP



... AND STARTED ON HER WAY HOME, BUT -

HUH? MY EYES! I CANNOT SEE CLEARLY



THE PANIS....THEY TRICKED ME! THE MILK IS MAKING ME SLEEPY.



NO! I MUST NOT LET THEM DEFEAT ME. I MUST REACH MY MASTER, SOMEHOW.

FIGHTING TO KEEP A HOLD OVER HER SENSES, SARAMA STRUGGLED HOME...



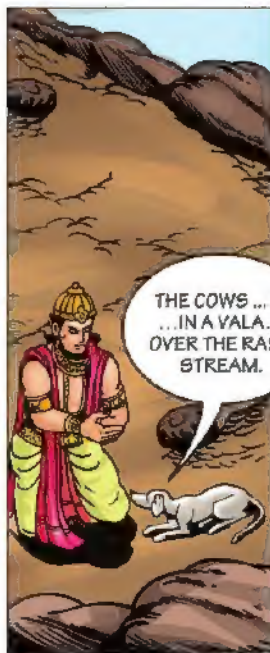
...AND COLLAPSED AT INDRA'S FEET.



THE PANIS... THEY GAVE ME SOMETHING TO MAKE ME SLEEPY. THEY... THEY DIDN'T WANT ME TO REACH YOU.



THE PANIS! I WILL NOT LET THEM GO!



THE COWS ... IN ... IN A VALA ... OVER THE RASA STREAM.

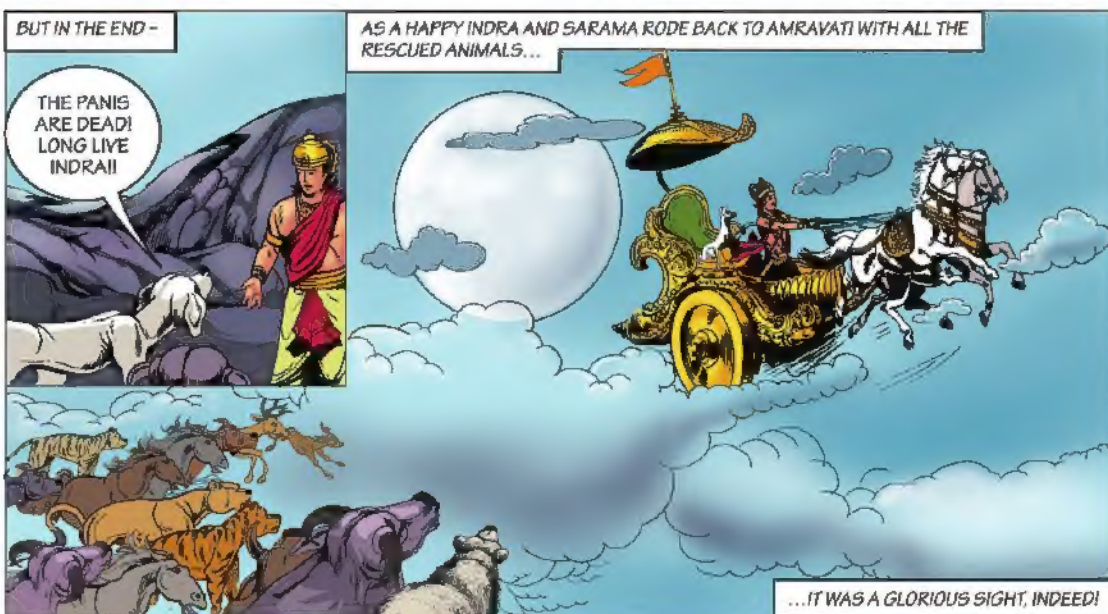
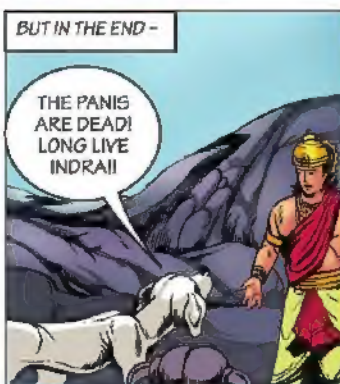
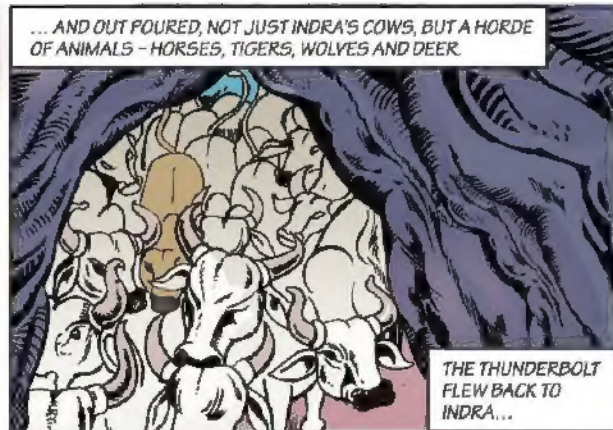


SHUSH.... DON'T TALK NOW, MY NOBLE FRIEND. WE WILL FIND THEM TOGETHER.



FILLED WITH ANGER, INDRA REACHED THE PANIS.

YOU DEVIOUS PANIS HAVE HIDDEN MY COWS BEHIND THIS ROCK! I WILL SMASH IT TO BITS.



WHICH OF THE ACKs HAVE YOU STILL NOT READ?

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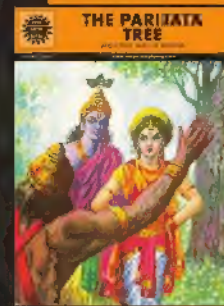
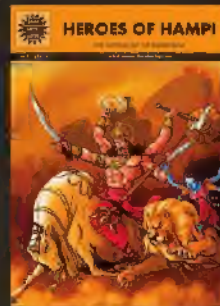
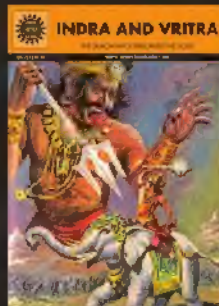
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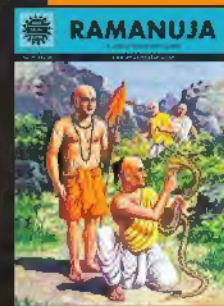
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